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For: FIRE RETARDANT RESIN COMPOSITION,

METHOD OF ITS PRODUCTION, SHAPED ARTICLES COMPRISING THE SAME, AND

SILICA

RESPONSE TO NON-FNAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.